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Honorable Leon Panetta
Member, House of Representatives
17th Congressional District Office
380 Alvarado Street
Monterey, California 93940

Dear Congressman Panetta:

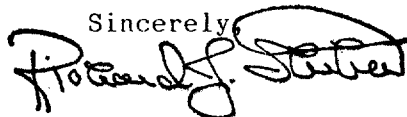
This is in reply to your letters of March 2nd and 3rd, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

Enclosures

cc:

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

March 2, 1993

TO: Director, Office of Congressional & Public Affairs
Federal Communications Commission
1919 'M' Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

ENCLOSURE FROM: George Finholt.

RE: Mr. Finholt has written to complain about an FCC proposal
to restrict the frequencies that are currently used for
model airplanes.

Would you please review the attached and reply to the concerns
or questions which have been brought to the attention of this
office?

Thank you for your assistance.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



MARY C. BECKER, Administrator
17th Congressional District of California

PLEASE RESPOND TO ME AT:

17th Congressional District Office
380 Alvarado Street
Monterey, California 93940

ATTENTION: Ken Christopher; (408) 429-1976

The Clerk of the House of Representatives;

Feb. 15, 1993

U.S. House of Reps.

Washington, D.C. 20510.

Dear Ms. Becker:

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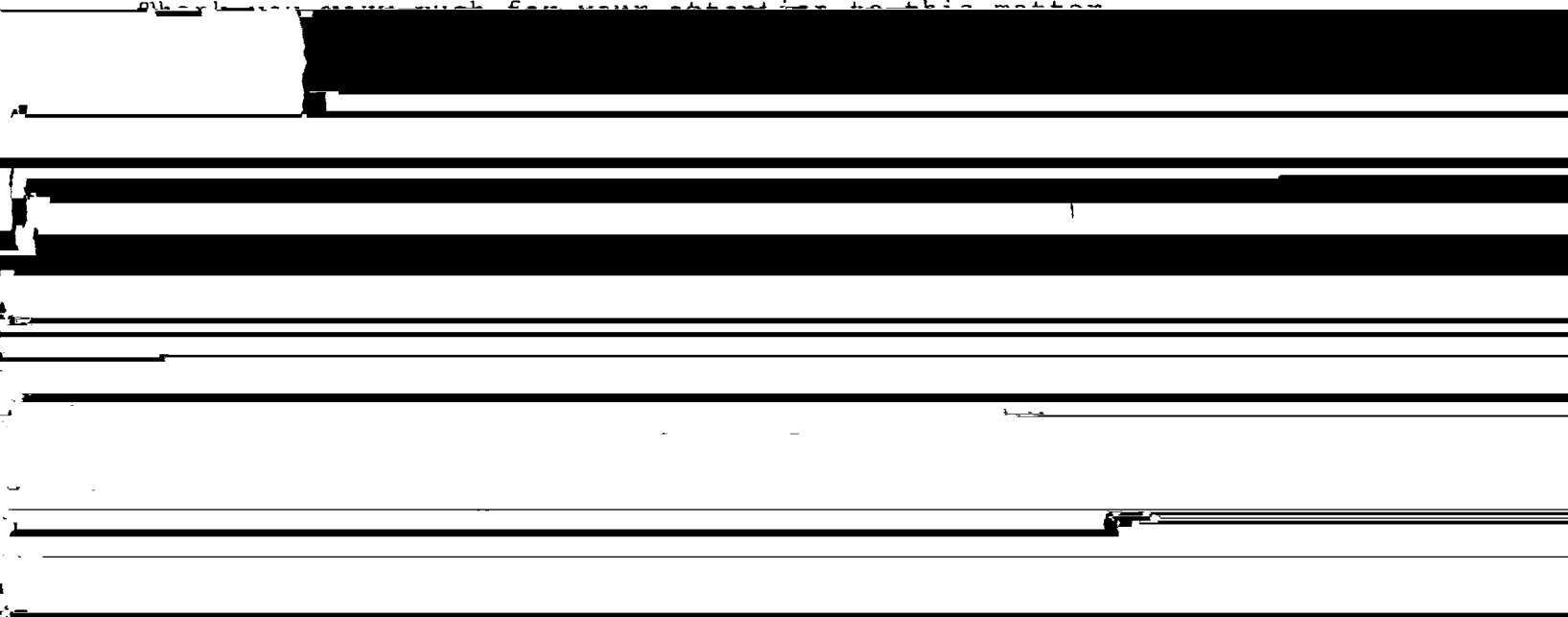
ENCLOSURE FROM: Dale Oxford.

RE: Mr. Oxford has written to oppose an FCC proposal that
would restrict the frequencies available to people who
fly radio-controlled model aircraft.

Would you please review the attached and reply to the concerns
or questions which have been brought to the attention of this
office?

Thank you for your assistance.

Pls. let me know much for your attention to this matter



February 8, 1993

Administrator 17th District
P.O. Box 145
Salinas CA 93902

RE: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Sir:

Being an active member of a local Radio Control Model Airplane Club,
I have been informed of the intent of the Federal Communications Com-

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February 5, 1993

Administrator
17th Congressional Dist.
P.O. Box 145
Salinas, CA 93902

Gentlemen:

I am a retired professional pilot and have continued my interest in aviation through the building and flying of radio controlled model airplanes. I belong to a Club of more than 100 members who share my interest and love of flying. We have leased from Monterey County a former disposal site that we have developed into a model flying field to provide wholesome family entertainment for our members.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 MHz band. This band is used primarily for private land Mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

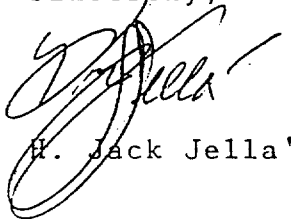
After spending considerable time and money to construct my models I am concerned that radio interference will cause my airplane to go out of control and crash. There is not only the financial loss of the airplane, but also the very real possibility of injury to spectators, since some models weigh up to 40 pounds and fly at speeds up to 100 MPH or more.

I do not think it just of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and radio equipment. As recently as 1991 I was required to purchase new radio equipment to meet the the current FCC requirements for radio transmitter frequency tolerance. The adoption of the proposed PR Docket 92-235 will render all of my new radio equipment unusable.

The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my hobby by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. Jack Jella', written over a circular flourish.

H. Jack Jella'